

THE SITUATION IS WELL IN HAND.

Daylight and the Militia Combined to Disperse the Rioters.

The Local and Militia Officers Are Again Beginning to Bring Order Out of Chaos.

No Renewal of the Riotous Scenes of Last Night Is Expected, Not Even by the Most Pressimistic.

Police Officers Have Returned to Their Beats--No Further Deaths Have Resulted From the Affair--A More Hopeful Outlook.

At 11 o'clock Thursday morning the crowd around the City building numbered several thousand. Up to that hour no demonstration had been attempted although there was much incendiary talk.

Officers commanding the troops state that they are fully able to handle the crowd and that any outbreak will be quelled. They deplore the situation as much as anybody but state that they are here to do their duty and that order must be maintained.

All sorts of wild rumors are afloat. Many of these are entirely without foundation. It was reported that the homes of all the officers had been mobbed and that several policemen were killed. This was absolutely untrue. Threats of trouble tonight are heard on every side. It is believed by the city officials that before night the people realize that there is nothing to be gained by attacking the troops and that such a move would result in the loss of many lives. They hope that the crowd which has terrorized Akron for the past 18 hours will disperse without any further trouble.

Another rumor that lacked verification at 11 o'clock was the report that a pottery in East Akron had been entered and that a number of dynamite bombs, used in blasting clay, had been taken and that these would be used in an assault on the troops. At an early hour this morning a delegation of 60 men marched from East Akron to the downtown districts. No attempt was made to cause trouble.

There was one trifling clash between the militia and the crowd. An attempt was made by some unknown man to take a rifle away from one of the soldiers. The man had broken through the guard lines and grasped a rifle in the hands of the trooper. He was immediately pushed back and the gun taken from him.

LITTLE GIRL WILL DIE.

At 10 o'clock Thursday morning the condition of the persons who were shot in Wednesday night's riot, was reported:

The 4-year-old daughter of Contractor and Mrs. John M. Davidson, of 111 North Allyn st., shot through head, was reported dying and could not live through the day. The child was taken to the City hospital.

Fred Vorwer, 349 North st., load of buckshot lodged in abdomen; also very low. He will barely live.

Clark Stair, 17 years old, shot in leg, resting easy at hospital.

OFFICER DOERLER

Gives a Detailed Account of What Happened in the City Building.

Officer Charles Doerler, who was in the City Building from the time the first charge was made, until the police finally escaped, gave the following details of the experience during the mob's attacks:

"The police fired no shots into the crowd until some one sent bullets through the building from the outside. Before any attempt was made to fire on the mob, the floor of the Chief's office was covered with stones and bricks that had been thrown by the rioters.

"Several officers were knocked down and the crowd was yelling for our blood.

"We managed to hold the rioters back until 10:45 when our ammunition gave

out. We managed to get a messenger out of the back door. He was dispatched for ammunition. It was 15 minutes before he returned and all this time the mob battering away at the front of the building. We did not charge, because we realized that to do so would result in the loss of many lives. After Columbia hall was fired, the officers escaped by going down the back stairway and across the canal.

"At 3 o'clock it was reported that the crowd was preparing to march on Chief Harrison's house for the purpose of doing him injury. In company with Officer Kempel, I went to his home. There was no evidence of any trouble.

"We all expected to be killed and our escape seems miraculous."

WHOLESALE ARRESTS

Of the Rioters Are Going to be Made--County Liable For Damages.

The officers are quietly perfecting plans for the arrest of a large number of men who had a leading part in last night's riots and the destruction of property.

Information has come into the possession of the authorities which will result in the arrest of the offenders. Wholesale affidavits will be filed.

The property damage inflicted cannot be estimated at this time. All of the insurance policies of the city were de-

OFFICER DURKIN

Appointed to Succeed Capt. Harrison, Who Was Missing.

Chief of Police Harrison is out of this city.

His family does not know where he is, nor does any of the officers. It is known that he was driven from South Akron last night in a closed carriage.

At a meeting of the Board of City Commissioners, in Mayor Young's office, Thursday morning, Alva Greenlee was elected Acting Chief of Police, but he declined, preferring that John Durkin, the oldest member of the force, should be given the position. Officer Durkin was therefore selected temporarily.

Chief Harrison Insane?

The report that Chief H. H. Harrison is insane, was again persistently circulated at 11 o'clock this morning. It has not been confirmed.

HEAVY LOSS.

Sustained By the City By Last Night's Fire.

City Engineer J. W. Payne stated this morning that the profiles and plats in his office were all destroyed by the fire. Every record was destroyed, except possibly the field notes, which were in the safe. He said it would take years of work to replace these plats and profiles, while many old maps of Akron can never be replaced. The City Commissioners say it is impossible to estimate the loss to the city.

City Clerk Isbell announces that the destruction of the City Hall will be of untold loss to the city. The only

redeeming feature is that all of the special assessment books were in the office of Treasurer Berger. The city hall vault contained many records that cannot be replaced. The only record of ordinances is that which can be compiled from the newspapers. Many plats, bonds, etc., were among the papers destroyed, including a considerable amount of money. Considerable criticism is heard that the City Hall vault was not built substantially enough to withstand the fire.

City Clerk Isbell loses a large number of valuable private papers in the fire.

New City Hall.

Already there is talk of a new city hall. Bierce park, opposite the Government building, is suggested as an available site.

The temporary offices of the city officials will be in the Schumacher office building, East Mill st., formerly occupied by the postoffice.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

Headquarters Will be Established at Cereal Co., Office.

The City Commissioners and Council held a meeting at the office of Mayor W. E. Young at 8 o'clock this morning. Officer Alva Greenlee was appointed chief of police to take the place of Capt. Harrison, who is physically unable to do anything. It was reported Thursday morning that he was suffering from a temporary loss of his reason. It was decided to establish the city government in the old office of the American Cereal company. Another meeting of the Council has been called for 1 o'clock at the Hotel Buchtel.

Automobile Roughly Handled.

The automobile was taken from the station at 1 o'clock and run down Howard st. The mob tore the curtains and damaged it otherwise. The loss

will be about \$500. It is now at the Central engine house.

CHIEF HARRISON

Was Struck and Injured by a Brick--How the Officers Escaped.

Chief of Police Harrison was injured during the first rush on the City Building. He was hit with a brick bat, but he is reported as not badly injured.

Officer Campbell was called on duty at 12 o'clock. He entered the building through the front door, and immediately afterward a shower of bricks and stones rained on the door. Two shots were also fired. Only five policemen were in the building then. Shortly afterward word was received by telephone that the building would be dynamited. The officers then ran to the basement, and escaped through the prison door, to the women's department in the rear. The report that the officers escaped through a sewer was false.

GUNS STOLEN.

Loss of Standard Hardware Company Estimated at \$3,000.

The Standard Hardware company estimated its loss at \$3,000. A large plate glass window was broken, 125 guns were stolen, also pocket knives amounting to \$150, 30 revolvers and 2,500 shells.

One gun was returned to the company Thursday morning, by a boy, who was accompanied by his father. The father explained that the boy had found the gun Wednesday night.

GUARDING

Scene of the Trouble Were the Militia.

Company C. of Canton, 42 strong, arrived here at 6:25 o'clock this morning, and went immediately to the city hall. Ropes were stretched across the streets and all persons prohibited from approaching the ruins.

The Fourth regiment of Columbus was also ordered to Akron. They left Columbus at 3 o'clock this morning and arrived here at 9:30 this morning.

REMARKABLE

Bravery Shown by the Firemen--Defied Bullets to Save the People's Property.

Immediately after the shooting by the police, while the ambulances were making repeated runs, loudly clanging their gongs, the crowd seemed frenzied with the knowledge that innocent blood had been shed.

For a few moments the crowd gathered in groups and discussed the shooting in excited voices.

Prisonkeeper Washer came down from High st., where he had taken his wife, after returning from Cleveland, and in an instant a large number surrounded him. He tried to pacify the men, but threats were made to hang him, to make him tell where Peck was hidden. Some one threw a rock at him, striking him on the head. He was led to a drug store and his wound dressed. It was not serious.

At this point, some one cried: "Let's get guns and fight the police." Two hundred or more started down the street for the Standard Hardware store. Policeman Pike tried to stop them but they menaced him so fiercely with clubs and rocks, that he retired in haste.

A dozen or more men broke the front window of the store. Over 30 guns

and a large quantity of ammunition were secured.

The crowd, armed with guns, started for the city building. When within 50 yards of it they began to shoot shelling the building at every available point.

A cry was raised to set fire to the building, and "burn the police and the nigger" out.

Several fellows were seen to crawl under old Columbia hall, and start a fire. In three minutes the building was blazing and the fire department called out. Engine from No. 3, was first to arrive on the scene.

A crowd of men rushed out and stopped the team.

The scene that followed, baffles description.

The fury of the mob was evidenced by the fact that shot after shot was fired at the brave firemen who were standing in the street trying to save the property from destruction.

Seldom is a more praiseworthy act of heroism performed upon a battle field than was the conduct of the firemen who defied bullets in the performance of their duty.

The fact that some of them were shot down before retiring from their posts will be a lasting testimonial to their bravery.

PRISONERS

Are Confined In the Cleveland Jail--What Peck Has to Say About His Escape.

At about 6:30 p. m. the two colored men arrived at the Cleveland county jail, in charge of two deputy sheriffs of Summit county. The men were registered as Louis Peck and William Howard and "held for the Sheriff of Summit county" was placed after their names on the jail docket, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The officials of the jail did not know the circumstances surrounding the bringing of the men here until late last evening. Peck was seen by the reporter at about 10 o'clock last evening, but was very reticent about his arrest. More information was obtained from Howard, who was brought to Cleveland because it was feared that the angry populace would not stop to inquire whether Howard had been in jail two months or not, as he says he had. The story told by Peck is as follows:

"I was arrested at Akron by Police-man Duffy Tuesday morning. I left Akron early Tuesday morning to go to Youngstown on business and remained in that town a few hours, returning to Akron before dinner time. I was charged with assaulting a girl. Howard was already in jail on some other charge. I remained in jail over night and until about 2 o'clock Wednesday, when the Deputy Sheriffs came and took Howard and me out. There had been no demonstration and I didn't know where we were going to or why

we were going. We went over to the Valley depot and got on a P. & W. passenger train and I then began to surmise that we were being brought to Cleveland, though I didn't know why. The officers didn't tell us."

In answer to questions Peck said he is 36 years old, married and has one child. He is a carriage painter by trade but has not been working for several weeks, all of which time he says he was in Akron. When asked whether he thought his wife was in any danger, Peck replied: "I hope not."

Howard's story is a little more to the point. He says: "I don't want you to mix me up in this affair as I was in jail before Peck was arrested and my case has nothing to do with his. I was taken out of jail because the Sheriff felt that no colored man would be safe there. At about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a carriage was driven into the jail yard and the Sheriff told me and Peck to put on our clothes and come along. My wife was there and I kissed her. She began to cry and I told her to shut up, as I would be all right. Peck and I got into the carriage with the two officers and we drove to the depot in about thirty minutes. There was no crowd around the jail, but we went out the back way. I understand that the plan to break open the jail originated at a picnic. I expect to be bailed out tomorrow and will go back to Akron."

HERO AND HEROINE.

Washer's Boy Loaded Revolvers For Officers.

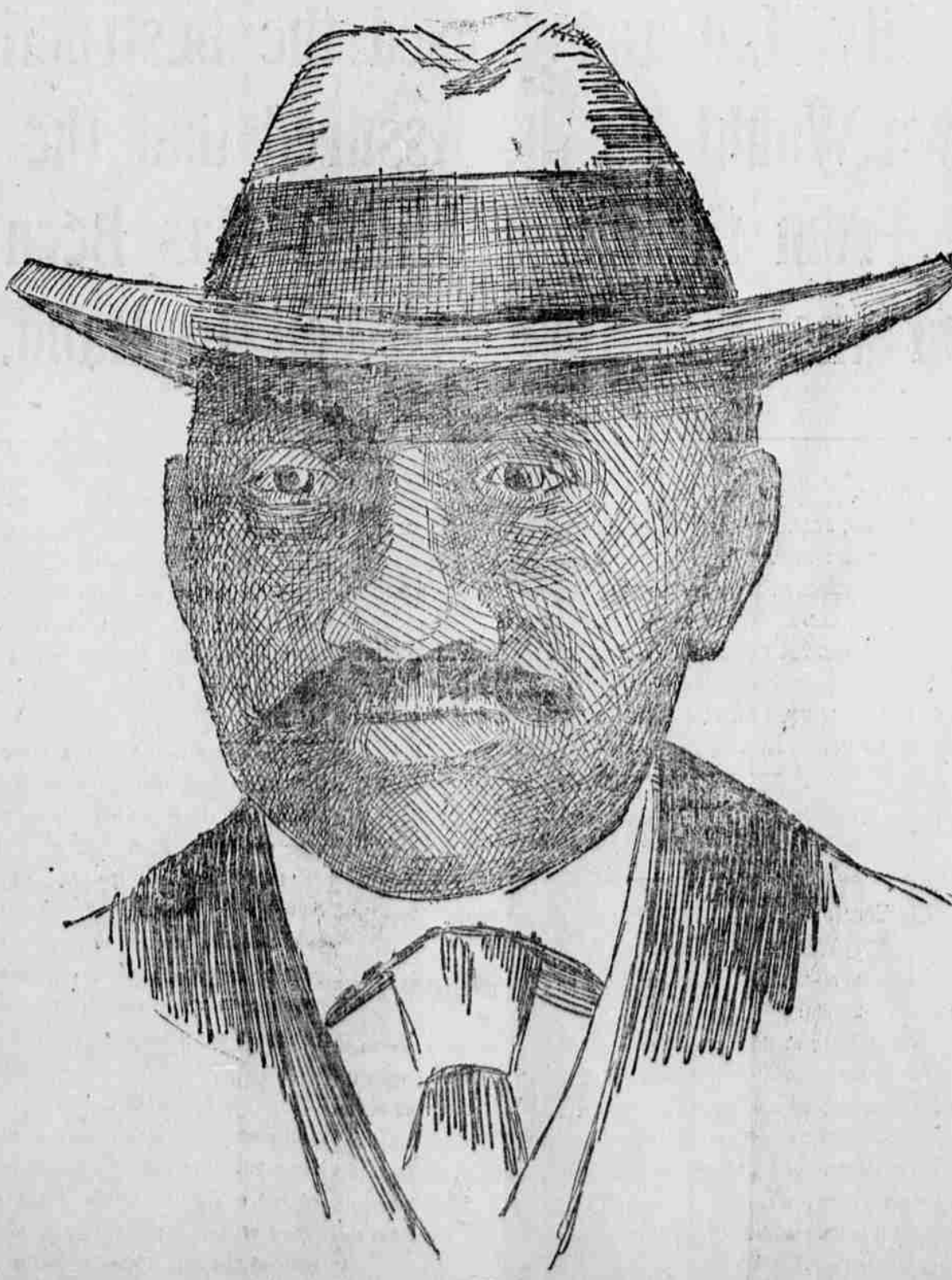
Harley Washer, the young son of Prisonkeeper John Washer, proved himself a hero last night. While the attack was being made on the City Building he stood by the officers like a veteran. He was loading the revolvers of the police as rapidly as they were empty. Miss Washer, the sister of the Prisonkeeper, did not desert her post. She remained in the basement of the prison until the last minute. She left the building when the officers made their escape.

SALOONS ORDERED CLOSED.

Mayor Young, in conjunction with the Board of City Commissioners and City Council, has issued a proclamation ordering all saloons and other places of business where intoxicating liquors are sold, to be closed until further orders.

More Troops Arrive.

The Fourth Regiment arrived in the city on a C. A. & C. special at 9:15 o'clock Thursday morning. The troops were immediately marched to the City Building.



NEGRO PECK, THE CAUSE OF ALL THE TROUBLE.